

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2138  
Docket No.: 1448.1044**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Kenji ABE, et al.

Serial No. 10/680,105

Group Art Unit: 2138

Confirmation No. 4450

Filed: October 8, 2003

Examiner: RADOSEVICH, STEVEN D

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR VALIDATION SUPPORT, COMPUTER PRODUCT FOR VALIDATION SUPPORT

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 27, 2007. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 27, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.